## Remarks/Arguments

The claims have been amended in an effort to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. Referring to claim 26, the claimed control unit is control unit 7, with control module 9, which is mounted on the outer surface of the drive, and this control unit is connectable to a central control unit 134 by an interface. In order to provide proper antecedent language, the specification has been amended to refer explicitly to central control unit 134 in the description. In other words, these are different control units, as is now believed to be clear in amended claim 126 and the amended description.

Claims 93, 129 and 130 have been formally amended to overcome the rejection.

For the record, applicant notes that the Examiner has omitted claim 135 from his list of pending claims. Claim 135 is pending.

Applicant retains the right to file a divisional application or divisional applications for the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Claim 126 and the dependent claims having been indicated as allowable, and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 believed to have been overcome by the present amendment, favorable reconsideration

and allowance of claims 89-91, 93, 111, 113, 116, 117, 121-123, 125-127, 129-133, 135, 136, and 138-149 are respectfully solicited.

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